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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Re: Group Art Unit: 2814
Serial No.: 09/684,904
Filed: OCTOBER 10, 2000
Applicant: HIRONOBU KON, ET AL.
For: VOLTAGE-DRIVEN POWER SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE



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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

Our check in the amount of \$ - 0 - is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed on February 11, 2002, with regard to the above-identified application, please note the following remarks requesting withdrawal of the finality of this Office Action.

REMARKS

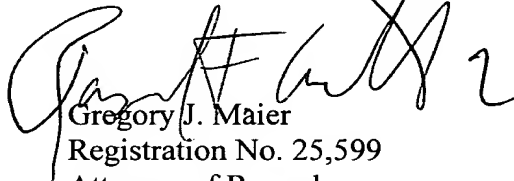
On March 1, 2002, Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Farahani to point out that the outstanding Office Action was improperly made final. In this regard, Applicants' representative pointed out that the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2001, the first Office Action in this application, had been improper as it had treated Claims 19-22 which had been canceled by the Amendment of November 2, 2000 and replaced with present Claims 23-30. Applicants' representative further pointed out that the PTO had been contacted on this matter and had indicated that a new Office Action would be issued. While this new Office Action has been issued, it has been improperly indicated to be a final rejection when it is actually a first

Office Action on the merits relative to the Claims 23-30.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the improper finality of the Office Action mailed on February 11, 2002, should be withdrawn in light of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Maier", is written over the printed name and registration number.

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